

UNITED NATIONS
ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR
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(UNECE)

MEETING OF SIGNATORIES

DECLARATION ON GENDER RESPONSIVE STANDARDS AND STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT

17TH SEPTEMBER 2019, 18:00 - 19:30PM
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE
CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA- BLOCK 2.40



EVENT PROGRAMME

SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

INVITEES

A high-level representative (Director, CEO, President or their representatives) from each of the signatory bodies, namely: IEC, ISO, ITU, ARSO, CEN-CENELEC, ASTM International, amfori, Round Table Responsible Soy (RTRS), The Gold Standard, VERRA, and the national standards bodies of the following countries: Albania, Austria, Bolivia, Canada, Colombia, Congo, Cyprus, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Gambia, Germany, Honduras, Iceland, India, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Moldova, Morocco, Mozambique, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Saint Lucia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Spain, St. Kitts and Nevis, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Trinidad & Tobago, Turkey, UK, Uruguay. *Prospective signatories can attend as observers.*

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The meeting aims at providing a space for signatories to:

- exchange their experiences in developing gender action plans and implementing initiatives for women empowerment in their specific contexts;
- deciding the future priorities of the Initiative based on current and newly proposed work items (e.g. collect examples of gender-blind standards, support twinning among standards bodies, organize/participate in awareness-raising events; develop methodologies to record participation broken down by sex and to ensure standards are gender responsive, etc.)

MEETING FORMAT

18:00 - 18:10	OPENING REMARKS Ms. Lorenza Jachia, Secretary, UNECE Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies (WP. 6)
18:10 - 18:20	SIGNING CEREMONY
18:15 - 18:30	A CONVERSATION WITH MS. LINDI NAKEDI, ENTREPRENEUR
18:30 - 19:00	PARTICIPANTS EXERCISE
19:00 - 19:15	EXERCISE DISCUSSION
19:15 - 19:30	DISCUSSION ON THE WAY FORWARD

THE MEETING WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A COCKTAIL RECEPTION

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